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1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. THIS IS THE THIRD OF A SERIES OF MONTHLY
REPORTS DEALING WITH FACETS OF THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION
PROGRAM OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) FOR AFGHAN
REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN. WFP IS MAKING A COMPLETE REVIEW
OF ITS ACCOUNTS WHICH IT HOPES WILL GIVE A CLEARER
PICTURE OF THE NUMBERS OF AFGHAN REFUGEES HERE.
PROBLEMS WITH DIVERSION OF FOOD RELIEF SUPPLIES CONTINUE
AND THE WFP/PESHAWAR REPRESENTATIVE IS PRESSING THE NWFP
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER OF AFGHAN REFUGEES TO ANNOUNCE
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THAT THE SALE OF REFUGEE RELIEF SUPPLIES IS ILLEGAL.
OTHER SUBJECTS OF INTEREST ARE KARACHI PORT, THE NATIONAL
LOGISTIC CELL, TRUCKS, DATE SHIPMENTS FOR RAMADAN, AND
THE CONTINUED DISCUSSION OVER CHILDREN'S RATIONS.
END SUMMARY.

3. NUMBERS AND MORE NUMBERS. THE GOP LISTS UPWARD OF
2.1 MILLION REGISTERED REFUGEES IN THE NWFP. THE

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5. ALLEGATIONS OF REFUGEE FOOD AID BEING SOLD ON BLACK MARKET. THE MAY 9 "MUSLIM" REPORTED THAT NINE PEOPLE, INCLUDING TWO AFGHANS, HAD BEEN ARRESTED FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERY OF A QUANTITY OF WHEAT AND DRY MILK IN THEIR POSSESSION THAT FOUND ITS WAY FROM THE REFUGEE CAMPS TO THE MARKET.

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.....UNLIKELY THAT A SIMILAR AMOUNT OF MILK HAS BEEN LOST.
.....COMMENT: LOSS OF 200 METRIC TONS OF WHEAT OVER APPROXI-
.....MATELY THREE YEARS WOULD AMOUNT TO ONLY SLIGHTLY MORE
.....THAN 13,000 MONTHLY RATIONS OF 15 KG EACH, REPRESENTING
.....ONLY SIX TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT OF THE CURRENT MONTHLY
.....RATIONS BASED ON 2.2 MILLION REFUGEES AND A VERY SMALL
.....FRACTION OF THE TOTAL WHEAT DISTRIBUTED TO DATE. WHILE
.....STATING IT IS CONTINUING TO MONITOR SHIPMENTS AND DISTRI-
.....BUTION, WFP/ISLAMABAD DID NOT EXPRESS ANY PARTICULAR
.....CONCERN OVER THE ARTICLE. END COMMENT.

.....6. KARACHI PORT. REFCOUNS VISITED KARACHI PORT IN
.....MID-MAY AND DISCUSSED THE HANDLING OF REFUGEE RELIEF
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SUPPLIES WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE KARACHI PORT TRUST,
THE HEAD OF THE FIRM WHICH HANDLES MOST OF THE OFFLOAD-
ING AND FORWARDING OF REFUGEE FOOD SUPPLIES, AND THE
OFFICIALS WHO SUPERVISE THE ACTUAL HANDLING OF THE
REFUGEE-BOUND FOOD SUPPLIES. REFCOUNS ALSO CALLED ON
THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL LOGISTIC CELL, THE
ARMY ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH OF THE TRANSPORT
OF FOOD SUPPLIES. ALL EXPRESSED RELIEF THAT THE 40-DAY
SLOWDOWN IN KARACHI PORT HAD ENDED ON MAY 13. FORTU-

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NATELY, THIS HAD OCCURRED DURING THE SLOW SEASON WHEN THERE WERE ONLY ONE OR TWO SHIPMENTS OF REFUGEE RELIEF GOODS COMING THROUGH THE PORT. KARACHI TRUST PORT OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED THE COST TO PAKISTAN OF THE REFUGEE FOOD SUPPLIES, WHICH ARE ADMITTED TO PAKISTAN DUTY-FREE AND WITH LITTLE OR NO DEMURRAGE CHARGES. REFCOUNS PLANS TO RETURN TO KARACHI IN LATE SUMMER TO OBSERVE HANDLING OF REFUGEE RELIEF GOODS DURING BUSY SEASON BEFORE MAKING FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE WFP ON WAYS TO IMPROVE PORT MONITORING.

7. NATIONAL LOGISTIC CELL. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NLC IN KARACHI PORT TOLD REFCOUNS AFTER GETTING PRIVATE HANDLERS OUT OF MOST OF THE REFUGEE RELIEF SUPPLY TRANSPORT BUSINESS THE NLC HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAKE BETTER AND MUCH MORE ECONOMICAL USE OF ALL MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, THE TIME REQUIRED FOR RELIEF SUPPLIES TO PASS THROUGH THE PIPELINE FROM KARACHI PORT TO THEIR DISTRIBUTION IN THE CAMPS IS ABOUT TWO MONTHS, THE SAME AS BEFORE THE NLC TOOK OVER. THE NLC OFFICIAL EXPRESSED REGRET THAT NLC DOES NOT CONTROL ALLOCATION OF RAILWAY WAGONS, WHICH IS DONE FROM PAKISTAN RAILWAY HEADQUARTERS IN LAHORE AND DOES NOT ALWAYS MESH WELL WITH NLC NEEDS.

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8. TRUCKS. THE DIRECTOR OF THE WFP OFFICE IN PESHAWAR AND OTHERS HAVE TOLD REFCOUNS AND CONSUL PESHAWAR OF THE CONTINUING NEED FOR ADDITIONAL TRUCKS TO TRANSPORT REFUGEE FOOD SUPPLIES FROM THE RAILHEADS TO THE CAMPS. U.S. MISSION PERSONNEL CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THE U.S.-DONATED INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER TRUCKS IN OPERATION IN MANY AREAS, PARTICULARLY THE NWFP. U.S. TRUCKS ARE BEING USED IN MOVING REFUGEES FROM THE NWFP TO THE PUNJAB. ALL PAKISTANIS CONCERNED HAVE STATED THAT THE U.S. TRUCKS HAVE MADE POSSIBLE AN IMPORTANT REDUCTION IN LOSSES OF REFUGEE RELIEF SUPPLIES IN TRANSIT.

9. DATE SHIPMENTS FOR RAMADAN. WFP REPORTS THE ARRIVAL IN EARLY MAY OF SEVERAL HUNDRED TONS OF DATES FROM SAUDI ARABIA. THE DATES, SHIPPED FOR THE FASTING MONTH OF RAMADAN (MID-JUNE TO MID-JULY), ARRIVED AT PORT KASEM, A NEW PORT FOR BULK AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE ABOUT 30 KM FROM KARACHI, AND WERE THEREFORE ABLE TO AVOID THE KARACHI PORT SLOWDOWN. ONE SHIPMENT HAD COME EARLIER (AND ACCORDING TO WFP/PESHAWAR WAS SPOILED WHEN IT ARRIVED IN NWFP) AND ONE MORE IS DUE. HIGH-ENERGY DATES ARE POPULAR DURING RAMADAN.

10. CHILDREN'S RATIONS? ACCORDING TO WFP/ISLAMABAD, WFP/ROME IS STILL WRESTLING WITH THE ISSUE OF CHILDREN'S

RATIONS. IT IS A DELICATE SUBJECT FOR THE GOP. AS THE
GOP LISTS 48 PERCENT OF THE RATION RECIPIENTS AS CHILDREN
AND REDUCTION OF THE QUANTITY OF FOOD RELIEF ALLOTTED
THEM WOULD GREATLY REDUCE WFP/PAKISTAN'S INTAKE.

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11. WFP PROGRAM IN IRAN? WFP/ISLAMABAD REPORTS THAT
ROME HEADQUARTERS IS STILL STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF
ESTABLISHING A WFP PROGRAM IN IRAN (SEE ISLAMABAD 5657).

12. SIT-IN IN UN KARACHI OFFICE. THE MAY 1 TO 17 SIT-IN
BY A GROUP OF SOME 30 IRANIANS IN THE KARACHI UN OFFICE
(SEE ISLAMABAD 9079) DID NOT AFFECT WFP OPERATIONS IN
KARACHI. ALTHOUGH THE LOCAL WFP REPRESENTATIVE WAS NOT
ABLE TO GET INTO HIS OFFICE DURING MAY 1-17 PERIOD, NO
TIME WAS LOST AS NO WFP SHIPMENTS CAME TO KARACHI PORT
AT THAT TIME.

13. CONCLUSION. WHILE THE WFP PROGRAM FOR FEEDING
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AFGHAN REFUGEES HAS ACHIEVED ITS FUNDAMENTAL GOALS.
THERE ARE A NUMBER OF AREAS REQUIRING CONSTANT ATTENTION.
WE CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE PROGRAM CREDIBILITY IN OUR CON-
TACTS WITH WFP OFFICIALS HERE.

14. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SPIERS

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